

Leicester,  
Aug. 21/71.

Dear Charles Burleigh,  
Yrs. of Saty. came to me this  
noon. I return the slip concerning  
your wife, - having read it with interest  
& feeling that you may not have copies  
to spare. I must have known of  
her death at the time; but it had,  
when I wrote, passed from my  
recollection. I hope my allusion  
did not wound your feelings, and  
I think it did not, - from your  
manner of reply, & from your views  
of her present life. My memory  
of the few opportunities I had of  
corresponding with her <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ very  
pleasant.

And I thank you most  
heartily for your ~~pleasant~~ ready  
reply to our request concerning  
S. J. May's memoir. What you

Can give us of his character and  
work will be most valuable, even  
tho' much of it be already known.  
You have a special gift of narrative  
in such a case, - I think; remember  
as I do, your account of Captain  
John Brown, in our Reports, which  
I have been accustomed to say was  
the best account I knew of, of the  
remarkable & noble man.

You need not, I am sure,  
omit any fact or reminiscence  
because you may suppose it to be  
already well known,

Very truly  
Yours

Samuel May